

CEQA #11422



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 2015068437

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Canyon Creek Temporary Mooring

LOCATION: Lake Oroville State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Temporarily relocate the Bidwell Marina and Lake Oroville Marina facilities at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area to the Canyon Creek area of Lake Oroville State Recreation Area due to the Department of Water Resources projected historic low water levels during the summer of 2015, which would leave remaining houseboats and floating docks stranded on land. Relocation activities will begin when the lake levels recede to 690ft and will:

- Utilize a barge to place nine, 10,000lbs anchors to secure mooring cables
- Attach four separate wire rope pennants to the anchors and stretch the wire rope across the lake to the opposite bank to form 4 mooring lines.
- Attach 50-125 buoys, via steel plates and fish chain, every 120ft along the mooring lines to support the cable's weight and to provide mooring space for houseboats.
- Utilize a barge to place six, 10,000lbs anchors at the mouth of Canyon Creek to anchor both marinas' floating docks, which will also store the maximum number of houseboats.
- Complete all work via water, no land access is necessary
- Remove temporary materials and begin relocating houseboats and docks back to their original marina locations when water levels reach 725ft and rising.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 3 Section: 15303

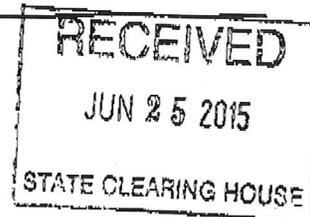
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the installation of limited numbers of new, small facilities and is included as "Installation of park facilities, such as concessionaire structures" on the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15400.4.

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